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What to Report and Why



What to Report?

All reports are welcome, everything from the single animal observation to those that involve multiple animals of different species. Please include comments about the observation location, recent weather, human activities nearby, or possible causes of the event.

Why Report an Event?

Your report will help us record wildlife health events to better understand these phenomena, and may lead to more effective prevention and control. They may

enable us to detect new emerging diseases, biosecurity concerns, or other problems that could affect wildlife, domestic animals, and human populations.

Create an Account

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Login and Report
Create an Account

Events Occurring in the Last 60 Days
This system is an experimental reporting system. Events reported here are not confirmed or verified and may be useful only as 'situational awareness' of what's occurring.

Start Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)
End Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Create An Account

First Name *
Last Name *
Email Address *
Confirm Email Address *
Username *
Password *
Confirm Password *

Organization *
Position *
Telephone *
Street Address *
City *
State *
Postal Code *

☐ I certify that I am older than 13 years of age.
☐ By creating a WHER account, I acknowledge the [Terms of Service and Privacy Policy](#) for using this site.
☐ I authorize project or natural resources personnel to contact me regarding my reports.

NOTE: [Registration Is Not Required To Create An Account](#)

Click "Create Account."

Create Account

* Indicates required fields.

These two boxes must be checked to create account.

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Log In

The screenshot shows the 'Wildlife Health Event Reporter' website. At the top, it says 'A Component of the Wildlife Health Monitoring Network'. Navigation links include 'RSS Options', 'Upcoming Features', 'About', and 'Help'. A 'Login and Report' button is visible in the top right. Below this, a section titled 'Events Occurring' contains a disclaimer: 'This system is... mortality events. These events represent only what have been reported. They have not been confirmed or verified and may be useful only as 'situational awareness' of what's observed.' There are search filters for 'Start Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)', 'End Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)', and 'Species:'. A 'Search' button and a 'Show All' button are also present. A map of the United States is displayed at the bottom, with several red location pins. Overlaid on the map is a 'Login' pop-up box with fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:', a 'Log In!' button, and a link for 'Account reminder'. Three callout boxes provide instructions: one points to the 'Login and Report' button, another points to the 'Log In!' button in the pop-up, and a third points to the 'Account reminder' link.

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Events Occurring

This system is... mortality events. These events represent only what have been reported. They have not been confirmed or verified and may be useful only as 'situational awareness' of what's observed.

Start Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) Species: [Search](#) [Show All](#)

End Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)

Login

Username:

Password:

[Log In!](#) [Account reminder](#)


Enter username and password and click "Log In!"

Click "Login and Report" and a pop-up box will appear requesting username and password.

If you forget your password click "Account Reminder" and go to next page.

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Account Reminder



Login

Account Reminder

Enter your user name or email address you used for your account.

Username:

Email:

Send reminder

Enter user name or email and click "Send reminder."

WHER Confirm Account Reminder

Someone, probably you, requested a reminder for your account. If it was you, please follow the link below to request a new password for your account.

<http://whmn.org/wher/confirmreminder?id=4d62fdff-6fcb-49ef-b7ce-31a12dd067d9>

Follow link in email to request a new password.



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Confirm Account Reminder

Pressing the "Confirm account reminder" button below will cause your password to be reset to a new temporary password. The new password and your user name will be emailed to the email address on file in the account that matches the user name or email address you entered on the Account Reminder page. The email message will also include a link to the Change Password page. We encourage you to change your password after you have received the message containing the link.

Confirm account reminder

Click "Confirm account reminder" to reset password.

Report A Wildlife Health Event

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Wildlife Health Event Reporter. The header features the title "Wildlife Health Event Reporter" with a "BETA" tag, and a subtitle "A Component of the Wildlife Health Monitoring Network". A navigation bar includes links for Home, Report A Wildlife Health Event, View My Reports, View Maps, RSS Options, Upcoming Features, About, Help, My Account, and Logout. Below the navigation bar, a section titled "What Do You Want To Do?" provides instructions for beta testers. A callout box points to the "Report A Wildlife Health Event" link, stating: "Once logged in, click 'Report A Wildlife Health Event.'"

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What Do You Want To Do?

Attention beta testers: Please review [these guidelines](#) on the beta testing process. Thank you for volunteering!

- [Report A Wildlife Health Event](#)
A wildlife health event is an observation of dead/sick/injured animal(s) in a specific location and time.
- [View Reports](#)
View Reports on the data that has been submitted to this Event Reporter.
- [View Maps](#)
View Maps on the data that has been submitted to this Event Reporter.

Once logged in, click "Report A Wildlife Health Event."

Step 1: Date and Location

Step 1: Date and Location Step 2: Animals Involved Step 3: Actions Taken Step 4: Review

Location
When did you make your observation?

04/16/2010 * date format: mm/dd/yyyy

Name of location:
Warner Park
(my backyard, Blue Lake Park, etc.)

Find this location on the map:
Warner Park, Madison, WI
(street address, park name, intersection, GPS coordinates, etc.)

Search!

Enter specific geographic information and find location on the Map.

If desired, zoom in and move push pin to a more precise location.

Enter date when the wildlife health event occurred.

Label the location where the wildlife event was observed. This unofficial label is used for personal use to organize one's own records.

Map Satellite Hybrid

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« Previous Next » Cancel

Click "Next" to continue.

Step 2: Animals Involved

The screenshot shows a web form titled 'Step 2: Animals Involved'. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Step 1: Date and Location', 'Step 2: Animals Involved' (which is selected), and 'Step 3: Actions Taken'. Below the tabs, there is a heading 'Animals Involved' and a sub-heading 'Species were involved and what did you see'. A text box says 'Click here to return to the previous screen of the screen to continue.' Below this, there are several input fields: 'Species' (with a dropdown menu), 'Species Confidence' (with a dropdown menu), 'Number Dead' (with a text input field), and 'Number Sick / Injured' (with a text input field). There are also two radio button options: 'General animal names' and 'Exact animal names', and another set of radio buttons: 'Estimate' and 'Actual Count'. A green button labeled 'Save Animal(s)' is located below these fields. Below the input fields, there is a table with the following columns: 'Species', 'Species Confidence', '# Dead', '# Sick/Injured', and 'Remove'. The table contains one row with the following data: 'Caribou/Deer/Moose', 'Very Confident', '1', '0', and '1'. A red button labeled 'Remove' is located to the right of the table. At the bottom of the form, there are three buttons: '« Previous', 'Next »', and 'Cancel'. Several callouts provide instructions: 1. 'Select the level of confidence in the identification of the animal(s) involved.' points to the 'Species Confidence' dropdown. 2. 'Exact animal names - Click if you know the species name of the animal(s) observed and select from the drop down list (e.g. White-tailed deer).' points to the 'Exact animal names' radio button. 3. 'General animal names - Click if you're not sure of the exact species name and select from the drop down list (e.g. deer).' points to the 'General animal names' radio button. 4. 'Enter the number of dead and/or sick/injured animal(s) observed and click whether it is an "Estimate" or "Actual Count" of the animals.' points to the 'Estimate' and 'Actual Count' radio buttons. 5. 'Click "Save Animals" when done. Continue entering if other animals are involved in the event.' points to the 'Save Animal(s)' button. 6. 'Click "Remove" if there is an error in the data.' points to the 'Remove' button. 7. 'Click "Next" to continue.' points to the 'Next »' button.

Select the level of confidence in the identification of the animal(s) involved.

Exact animal names - Click if you know the species name of the animal(s) observed and select from the drop down list (e.g. White-tailed deer).

General animal names - Click if you're not sure of the exact species name and select from the drop down list (e.g. deer).

Enter the number of dead and/or sick/injured animal(s) observed and click whether it is an "Estimate" or "Actual Count" of the animals.

Click "Save Animals" when done. Continue entering if other animals are involved in the event.

Click "Remove" if there is an error in the data.

Click "Next" to continue.

Species	Species Confidence	# Dead	# Sick/Injured	Remove
Caribou/Deer/Moose	Very Confident	1	0	1

Step 3: Action Taken

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What actions, if any, did you take with the animal(s) that you saw? Click next at the bottom of the screen to continue.

Actions

NOTE: We do not recommend handling sick or dead wildlife. Visit the [National Wildlife Health Center's Web Site](#) to protect your health.

Check all the boxes that apply. (At least one is required.)

- ☐ I left the animal(s) as I found it (them).
- ☐ I contacted a natural resources or other agency.
- ☐ I removed and disposed of the animal(s) involved.
- ☐ I took or sent the animal(s) elsewhere for investigation.
- ☐ Other (please explain)

Additional Information

Please include comments about the observation location (e.g. edge of lake, street, etc.), recent weather (e.g. storm last evening, hot temperatures etc.), human activities nearby (e.g. vehicle traffic, farming, construction, etc.) or possible causes of the event (e.g. road-kill or other accident, disease, poisoning, etc.).

Have you observed a similar Wildlife Event in this location before?

No

When did you observe the similar event at this location?

Choose One

Click "Next" to continue.

Check the box that best indicates what you did with the animal(s) you saw. A pop-up box will appear if more information is needed.

If the above choices do not describe the action taken, please click "Other" and briefly explain.

Example of a pop-up box that appears if certain options are checked requesting more information.

A place to add more comments about the event you observed.

Indicate whether you saw a similar wildlife event in this location before and approximately when you observed this event.

Save Contact Data Cancel

Organization: National Wildlife Health
First Name: Josh
Last Name: Dein
Phone Number: (608) 270.2400
Email: josh.dein@usgs.gov
Address: 6006 Schroeder Rd
City: Madison
State: WI
Postal Code: 53711

« Previous Next » Cancel

Step 4: Review

Step 1: Date and Location
Step 2: Animals Involved
Step 3: Actions Taken
Step 4: Review

Step 4: Review

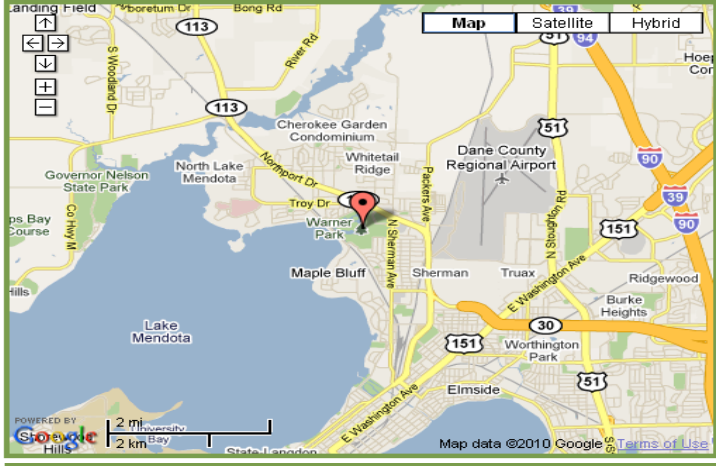
Review all data for this report and go back and edit, as needed.

Location

Date event observed:
04/16/2010

Name of location:
Warner Park

Location search string:
Warner Park, Madison, WI



Animals Involved

Species Found	ID Confidence	How many dead?	How many sick?	Total Number
Raccoon	Very Confident	1	1	2

Actions Taken

I left the animal(s) as I found it (them). ☐

I removed and disposed of the animal(s) involved. ☐

I contacted a natural resources or other agency. ☐

Agency Contact First Name

Agency Contact Last Name

Agency Contact Organization

Agency Contact Phone Number

Agency Contact Email

Agency Contact Address

Agency Contact City

Agency Contact State

Agency Contact Postal Code

I took or sent the animal(s) elsewhere for investigation. ☐

Other Action

No ☐

No ☐

Yes ☐

Josh ☐

Dein ☐

National Wildlife Health Center

No ☐

No ☐

Additional Information

Additional information that you feel is important:

Have you observed a similar Wildlife Event in this location before? ☐ No

« Previous
Next »
Cancel
Finish

Click "Finish" when done.
(Note: Once the record is submitted it can be deleted but not edited.)

View Reports

Click on “My Data” and limit the data displayed to only the events you entered.

Click on “All Data” to view all events reported.

Use map functions to change the date range and/or species selection on the Map.

Download event data in Excel spreadsheet format.

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View My Reports

☒ My Data ☐ All Data

Start Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) End Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) Species: (blank = all species)

☒ General animal names ☐ Exact animal names

Observation Date	Location Name	Location Searched	Species	# Sick/Injured	# Dead	
10/12/2010	Hwy 12/18	Madison, WI (Lat: 43.03527, Long: -89.42219)	Caribou/Deer/Moose/Wapiti	0	1	Delete
10/06/2010	my backyard	Middleton, WI (Lat: 43.09722, Long: -89.50429)	Chipmunks/Groundhogs/Marmots/Prairie dogs/Squirrels	0	1	Delete
07/08/2010	Custer State Park	Custer State Park (Lat: 43.72160, Long: -103.40494)	Elk	1	0	Delete

Click column headings to sort in ascending or descending order.

If desired, delete event.

View Maps

Use map functions to change the date range and/or species selection on the Map.

Download event data in Excel spreadsheet format.

The screenshot shows a web-based map interface for viewing wildlife events. The map displays the United States and parts of Canada and Mexico. A sidebar on the left contains map navigation controls (pan, zoom, and a scale bar). At the top, there are filters for 'Start Date' and 'End Date' (both set to 10/17) and a 'Species' dropdown menu. A 'Search' button and a 'Download' button are also present. A calendar for October 2010 is overlaid on the map, showing the 11th as the selected date. A species list is visible on the right, including Albatrosses, Alligators/Caimans/Crocodiles/Coyotes, Anis/Cuckoos/Roadrunners, Bitterns/Egrets/Herons, Blackbirds/Songbirds/Sparrows/Swallow, Chevrotains, Chipmunks/Groundhogs/Marmots/Prairie, Cockatoos/Lories/Macaws/Parakeets/P, Crows/Jays/Magpies, Drongos, Frogs/Toads, and Ground hornbills. A callout box points to a red push pin on the map near Jacksonville, Florida, displaying the following details:

- Observation Date: 09/23/2010
- Longboat Key
- Species: Ducks/Geese/Swans
- Number Sick/Injured: 0
- Number Dead: 30

Use map navigation features to explore map by panning and zooming.

Click on a push pin to see wildlife event details.

RSS Feeds

What is an RSS Feed?

[RSS in Plain English](#) – Watch this short YouTube video and learn how RSS feeds work

[What is RSS?](#) – Get a short, concise written overview on RSS technology

The screenshot shows the Wildlife Health Event Reporter (WHER) website. The main heading is "Wildlife Health Event Reporter" with a subtitle "Updates and other information about the Wildlife Health Event Reporter tool". Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, Upcoming Features, Feeds/Email Alerts, and Feedback. The "Feeds/Email Alerts" section is highlighted. It contains text asking if the user wants to stay on top of WHER reports and offers three options: GeoRSS feed, GeoRSS feed in Google Maps, and Email Alert Signup. A map of the United States is shown with green pushpins indicating report locations. A callout box points to a specific pushpin in Wisconsin, showing a pop-up with the text "Wisconsin WHER Reports" and links for GeoRSS feed, GeoRSS feed in Google Maps, and Email Alert Signup. Another callout box points to the "Feeds/Email Alerts" section, listing the same three options. A third callout box points to the "Other WDIN Services" section, which includes links for "Global Wildlife Disease News Map" and "Wildlife Disease News Digest".

Get ALL WHER Reports

Select from feeds listed here to monitor all WHER reports:

- GeoRSS Feed
- GeoRSS Feed in Google Maps
- Email Alert Signup

See following page for examples of feed types.

Get Reports Specific to a State

Choose to receive WHER reports from specific states by clicking on a state's push pin and selecting the preferred RSS feed format:

- GeoRSS Feed
- GeoRSS Feed in Google Maps
- Email Alert Signup

See following page for examples of feeds types.

GeoRSS Feed

This feed type can be used with a feed reader or used as a map layer in a mashup.

Want to know about ALL the events reported **GeoRSS** / GeoRSS in Google Maps / Email Alerts /

GeoRSS feed:
http://feeds.feedburner.com/wher_uswi
GeoRSS feed in Google Maps:
http://feeds.feedburner.com/wher_uswi
Email Alert Signup:
http://feedburner.google.com/fb/a/mailverify?uri=wher_uswi

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(Choose Your Reader)

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[View Feed XML](#)

If you are adding a GEO RSS feed to a feed reader, this screen is similar to what you will see.

GeoRSS in Google Maps Feed

Use this feed type to export WHER reports into your own Google Map.

Google maps http://feeds.feedburner.com/wher_uswi Search Maps Show search options

Get Directions My Maps Save to My Maps

Displaying content from [feeds.feedburner.com](http://feeds.feedburner.com/wher_uswi)

The content displayed below and overlaid onto this map is provided by a third party, and Google is not responsible for it. Information you enter below may become available to the third party.

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Recently reported wildlife health events in the WHER application at <http://www.wher.org>. The Wildlife Health Event Reporter (WHER) relies on contributed reports from the public, and are not checked or verified for accuracy or completeness. The Wildlife Disease Information Node (WDIN), the US Geological Survey, the University of Wisconsin, or partner organizations, institutions or governmental agencies are not responsible for erroneous or misinterpreted reports. Any uses of the information available on WHER, or actions taken, are at the sole discretion of the user. There is no guarantee that this web site will be fully functional and available at all times.


- ☒ Sun, 01 Aug 2010 - Wisconsin - In front of house on HWY K
Sampling Event ID: 113 State/Admin Unit: Wisconsin Latitude: 43.18752 Longitude: 88.01111
- ☒ Mon, 01 Mar 2010 - Wisconsin - My backyard
Sampling Event ID: 121 State/Admin Unit: Wisconsin Latitude: 43.19224 Longitude: 88.01111
- ☒ Thu, 09 Sep 2010 - Wisconsin - Hwy K, Town of Berry, Wisconsin
Sampling Event ID: 162 State/Admin Unit: Wisconsin Latitude: 43.17231 Longitude: 88.01111
- ☒ Tue, 14 Sep 2010 - Wisconsin - Hwy K near Vossen Road, Cross Plains, WI
Sampling Event ID: 173 State/Admin Unit: Wisconsin Latitude: 43.14145 Longitude: 88.01111
- ☒ Wed, 15 Sep 2010 - Wisconsin - Hwy K, Cross Plains, WI
Sampling Event ID: 174 State/Admin Unit: Wisconsin Latitude: 43.14145 Longitude: 88.01111

WHER reports are exported and displayed in Google Maps.

Email Alert Feed

For those who prefer good old-fashioned email, this feed type becomes an email that is delivered to your email account.

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- All Reports



- [Sat, 18 Sep 2010 - Georgia - Forest in Blairsville, Georgia](#)
- [Tue, 26 Oct 2010 - Florida - Care Animal Hospital](#)
- [Wed, 13 Oct 2010 - Massachusetts - Great Island, Wellfleet MA](#)
- [Wed, 20 Oct 2010 - Florida - Chimney Oaks Park](#)

[Sat, 18 Sep 2010 - Georgia - Forest in Blairsville, Georgia](#)

Posted:
Sampling Event ID: 247
State/Admin Unit: Georgia
Latitude: 34.87382
Longitude: -83.9922
Species: eastern gray squirrel
Total # Involved: 15
Total Sick/Injured: 15
Is Sick/Injured an estimate? No
Total dead: 0
Is Total Dead an estimate? No
Action Taken? Removed and disposed of the animal(s)
Additional Info: 15 of 15 squirrels shot while hunting had multiple bot fly larval infestations

[Tue, 26 Oct 2010 - Florida - Care Animal Hospital](#)

Posted:
Sampling Event ID: 248
State/Admin Unit: Florida
Latitude: 27.91547
Longitude: -82.32159
Species: Chipmunks/Groundhogs/Marmots/Prairie dogs/Squirrels
Total # Involved: 15
Total Sick/Injured: 10
Is Sick/Injured an estimate? No
Total dead: 5

**An example of
what an email
alert looks like.**

Contact Us

If you need further assistance, please contact the WHER team at wher@wdin.org.